

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Fish and Game Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges Component Budget Summary

Component: Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Promote hunter education, shooting opportunities, and firearm safety.

Core Services

The division provides the public with a three venues for hunter education classes, firearm safety, and shooting opportunities.

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park, Anchorage – This outdoor facility adjacent to Potter Marsh is open five-days per week except for December. This facility has been operated by the Department since 1974. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with ranges for the following:

- Rifle
- Handgun
- 22 Rimfire
- Archery
- Shotgun (non-toxic) clay target shooting – 5-stand.

Organized events held at Rabbit Creek

- Hunter Education classes. A classroom building is available for youth and adult hunter education. Students and instructors use the adjacent range area for demonstrations and testing.
- “Sighting-In” days for hunters. During this event, participating hunters have their hunting firearms checked out for any operational problems, then proceed to have their hunting loads chronographed to determine actual velocity. Hunters then have their hunting firearm’s actual velocity entered into a sophisticated ballistics computer program that provides them a printout of their firearm’s trajectory at normal hunting distances.
- Youth Shooting Leagues. Supported in cooperation with the Hunter Heritage Foundation, shooting skills are taught and encouraged to youth.

Fairbanks Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range – This indoor facility located at 1501 College Road is open five-days per week, primarily during the late summer to early spring. The facility was constructed by the Department primarily using Fish & Game Funds. The department also received federal grant funds from the Department of Interior. The facility was opened in 2000. The priority use for the facility is for hunter education and training. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with the following:

- 50-foot Live-Fire Range with 10 Shooting Lanes
- Modern Bullet-Trap system (for .22 rifles and handguns up to .45 caliber)
- Two media-equipped Classrooms with capacity for 36 students
- Electronic Range/Shooting Simulation System
- Hunter Education and Bow Hunter Education classes
- Hunter Information and Training Clinics (Muzzleloading, Bear Baiting, etc.)
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer certification
- Youth Shooting Sports and Clinics
- Marksmanship Qualification (Handgun, Bullseye Pistol, and Light Rifle)

- League Shooting (.22 Pistol and Center-fire Pistol)

Juneau Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range – This indoor facility at 5670 Montana Creek Road in Juneau, is open five-days per week, primarily during the late summer to early spring. The facility was constructed by the Department primarily using Fish and Game Funds. The department also received federal grant funds from the Department of Interior and funding support from the City and Borough of Juneau. The facility was opened in 2004. The priority use for the facility is for hunter education and training. The facility provides hunters, recreational shooters, and competitive league shooting enthusiasts with ranges for the following:

- 50-foot Live-Fire Range with 7 Shooting Lanes
- Modern Bullet-Trap system (for .22 rifles and handguns up to .45 caliber)
- Hunter Education and Bowhunter Education classes
- Firearms Instruction for all skill levels
- Instructor and Range Safety Officer certification
- Youth Shooting Sports and Clinics
- Marksmanship Qualification (Handgun, Bullseye Pistol, and Light Rifle)
- League Shooting (.22 Pistol and Center-fire Pistol)

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$706,300

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	7
Total	9

Key Component Challenges

The three shooting facilities are very popular with the public as they provide a venue to promote firearm safety and teach hunting techniques to youth and adults. The facilities are built to safely permit live-fire shooting by patrons. Alaskans are actively involved in shooting activities for recreational hunting, subsistence hunting, and shooting sports purposes. Persons use division facilities to sharpen their skill and test their firearms in preparation for hunting expeditions. This service is critical for their personal safety as well as to improve their odds to successfully strike their target.

Patrons of the ranges are charged a user fee, but the collections provide only 30-35% of the operating costs for the range facilities. The fees are deposited into the Fish and Game Fund as permitted by AS 16.05.050 (a)(16) and CH 33, SLA 06, PG 74 LN 23. The Fish and Game Fund is primarily fees from hunting licenses and big game tags. These sources comprise 90% of the revenue into the fund. The division is trying to use the funds provided by the hunting community to manage wildlife species statewide. The general subsidy from the Fish and Game Fund for the operation of the shooting facilities results in less game management services. For FY08, this subsidy will continue.

Interagency receipts (I/A) spending authority of \$150,000 was added during the FY06 budget process. I/A receipts are limited to only state agencies and none are anticipated in FY08. The department is actively working with organizations and schools in the Fairbanks area to promote use of the facilities. The budgeted spending authority will be deleted or transferred from this component for FY08.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

This component is moved from its own RDU to the Wildlife Conservation RDU. This will not result in a change in the delivery of services for FY08.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

The shooting facilities aim to support hunter education and firearms safety in their respective communities. Specific events hosted by each facility during FY2006 are listed.

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park (RCSP)

- RCSP hosted the following:
 - All Anchorage based hunter education classes organized through ADFG
 - Bowhunter certification courses (International Bowhunter Education Program - IBEP)
 - Muzzleloader certification clinics
 - Bear baiting clinics
 - Bear safety courses
 - Reloading clinics
 - Field courses for hunter education programs from Anchorage schools
 - Proficiency shoots (archery, muzzleloader and shotgun) for Anchorage Hillside moose hunt, Elmendorf AFB, and Ft Richardson moose hunts
 - Annual Brian Hill Memorial Shoot (raise funds for sporting clays fields)
 - Annual Region II ADF&G Meeting
 - Hunter Information and Training (HIT) Steering Group annual meeting; (Jan 2006)
 - Volunteer Instructors Course Planning Meeting (Dec 2005)
 - Annual training and preparation for Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)
- Rabbit Creek Youth Sporting Clays League. 10 weeks starting in September and 10 weeks starting in March.
- Womens Sporting Clays League. Season dates match Youth League schedule
- Jakes Day in cooperation with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) annually every June (ATV's, archery, shotgun, rifle, archery).
- Youth league new coaches training in cooperation with the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) August 2006.
- Range Safety Officer (RSO) annual training and meeting (Dec).
- Alaska 49's Black Powder Shoot; May 2006.
- Hunter Information and Training, (HIT) new instructor training (2-3 times each year) for Basic Hunter Education, Archery and Muzzleloader instructors.
- Sighting-in Days Clinic, annually on the first weekend of August (gunsmith, chronographing, Ballistics information, help getting hunters sighted in for their hunt).
- Waterfowl clinic, 3rd Saturday each August (distance exercises, pattern testing, steel shot information, shooting tips etc.).
- National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). RCSP stores agency archery training kits and targets; offers range and classroom for program expansion.
- Alaska Trappers Association (ATA). "Trappers and Trailer Users Conflicts"; training and education offered to trail users in trapping areas.
- Women in the Outdoors Clinic in cooperation with the NWTf, June 8-9, 2005. Held annually and includes ATV's, fly fishing, shotgun, rifle, archery.

- RCSP works in cooperation with the following agencies and groups and serves as their home range:
 - BLM field bear training courses
 - Chugach State Park ranger training
 - UAA Police training
 - Dept. of Public Safety Qualifications
 - USGS field bear safety training certifications
 - U.S. Coast Guard training
 - Elmendorf AFB 3rd equipment Maintenance Squadron
 - Various NRA training courses and instructors
 - Boy Scouts of America activities
 - NOAA training
 - Learn to Return program
 - Alaska retrievers club
 - ADF&G enforcement and bear firearms training
 - USFWS agent training
 - Alaska USA security guard training.

Fairbanks Hunter Education Shooting Facility

- Fairbanks hosted the following courses organized through ADF&G:
 - Hunter Education (monthly)
 - Bow Hunter Education (monthly)
 - Muzzleloader Education (several times a year)
 - Firearms Safety Orientations (monthly) for businesses, organizations, and the public
 - Bear Safety Classes for government agencies, organizations, and the public (monthly in season)
 - Electronic Shooting System Instructor Course (several times a year)
 - Hunter Education Marksmanship Clinic (pilot program in 2006, planned monthly in season)
- Alaska Conservation Camp for youth, began pilot program in 2006
- NRA Range Safety Officer Courses (several times a year)
- NRA First Steps Rifle and First Steps Pistol Courses (monthly, in season)
- NRA Firearms Instructor Courses several times a year (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety, Metallic-Cartridge Reloading)
- NRA Ladies Basic Pistol Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Basic Rifle Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Personal Protection Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Personal Protection in the Home Classes (several times a year)
- NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge State Championship (state headquarters, annual championship and supportive events throughout the year)
- Becoming an Outdoors Woman TM (BOW) events (annually or semi-annually)
- NRA Sanctioned Indoor Pistol Leagues (matches held twice per week during main season)
- Bullseye 101 Classes (several times a year)
- USPSA Shooting Matches (monthly, during the winter months)
- Alaska Marksmanship Challenge Program (state headquarters, continuous, with several statewide matches conducted throughout the year)

- Electronic Shooting System at the Annual Outdoor Show at the Carlson Center
- Fairbanks worked in cooperation with the following agencies, groups, and schools:
 - Federal Court Security Officer Training and Qualification (annually or semi-annually)
 - UAF Police Department Training and Qualification (annually or semi-annually)
 - Fairbanks Police Department
 - Alaska State Troopers
 - Alaska Peace Officers Association
 - State of Alaska, Department of Corrections
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
 - International Lions Club
 - Optimists Club of Fairbanks
 - Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee
 - Alaska Outdoor Council
 - National Shooting Sports Foundation
 - National Wild Turkey Federation
 - Civilian Marksmanship Program
 - Hunter Heritage Foundation of Alaska
 - University of Alaska Fairbanks – Athletics Department/Rifle Team
 - National Rifle Association of America
 - Alaska Volunteer Hunter Education Instructor's Association
 - Interior Alaska Gun Dog Association
 - United States Practical Shooting Association
 - ROTC Pistol Marksmanship Course
 - United States Army, Fort Wainwright Alaska
 - United States Army, Fort Richardson Alaska
 - US Army Firearms Safety and Firearm Orientation Event
 - United States Air Force, Eielson Air Force Base
 - High Schools
 - West Valley
 - North Pole
 - Lathrop
 - Delta
 - Middle Schools
 - Randy Smith Middle School Rifle Club

Juneau Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Facility

- Juneau hosted the courses organized through ADFG:
 - Basic Hunter Education
 - Bowhunter Education
 - Hunter Education Instructor training
- Boy Scouts
- NRA Women's Pistol Course
- NRA 1st Step
- USFS Rifle and Bear Spray
- Governor's Security Detail Qualifications
- Legislative Security Detail Qualifications
- 4-H Outdoor Skills Club
- 4-H Junior Marksmanship Club

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statutes and Regulations

AS 16.05 - Fish & Game Code

AS 16.55 - Shooting and Firearm Safety

5 AAC - Fish & Game

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Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	301.5	395.0	445.2
72000 Travel	2.7	2.0	2.0
73000 Services	188.9	299.1	164.1
74000 Commodities	103.9	110.0	95.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	597.0	806.1	706.3
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1.1	126.1	176.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	150.0	0.0
1024 Fish and Game Fund	595.9	530.0	530.0
Funding Totals	597.0	806.1	706.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
Unrestricted Fish & Game Fund-Dedicated	68535	595.9	530.0	530.0
Unrestricted Total		595.9	530.0	530.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	150.0	0.0
Restricted Total		0.0	150.0	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		595.9	680.0	530.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	126.1	0.0	680.0	806.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Fund Source Adjustment for Retirement Systems Increases	33.9	0.0	-33.9	0.0
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Delete Interagency Receipts for Shooting Ranges due to unrealizable receipts	0.0	0.0	-150.0	-150.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	16.3	0.0	33.9	50.2
FY2008 Governor	176.3	0.0	530.0	706.3

Hunter Education Public Shooting Ranges Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	241,768
Part-time	7	7	Premium Pay	3,682
Nonpermanent	2	2	Annual Benefits	201,051
			<i>Less 0.29% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,301)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	11	11	Total Personal Services	445,200

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
College Intern I	2	0	0	0	2
F&W Technician II	1	2	0	0	3
F&W Technician III	2	0	1	0	3
F&W Technician IV	0	0	1	0	1
F&W Technician V	1	0	0	0	1
Project Asst	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	6	3	2	0	11